GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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AUDIT OBSERVATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of audit observation are pending in DoT;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time which these observations be settled;

(c) the quantum of money involved in those observations; and

(d) the steps taken that audit observations are not repeated in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Out o 755 observations contained in the reports of C&AG for the years ended 31.3.1995, 31.3.1996, 31.3.1997, 31.3.1998 and 31.3.1999 only in respect of 17 items replies remain to be sent to Audit, which works out to just 2.25%.

(c) The amount covered by these 17 paras for the above 5 years is Rs. 189.73 crores.

(d) The BSNL,which was formed by corporatising the operating arm of DOT, has established internal audit procedures for tightening control on revenue and expenditure.